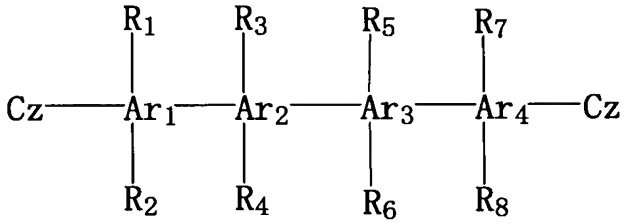
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device~~ comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1):



(1)

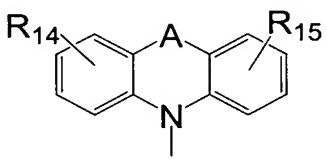
wherein

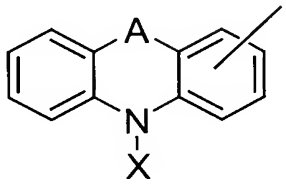
Ar_1 to Ar_4 each represent a p-phenylene or m-phenylene;

R_1 to R_8 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a phenyl group, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms,~~ or a group represented by Cz below;

Cz represents a group expressed by the following general formula (2a) ~~or (2b)~~:

(2 a)



~~(2-b)~~ [[]]

wherein

A represents a single bond~~, $(CR_9R_{10})_n$, $(SiR_{11}R_{12})_n$, NR_{13}, O, or S, n represents an integer of 1 to 3, R_9~~ and

R_{14} to R_{15} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group having 3 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms; ~~and a couple of R_9 and R_{10} or a couple of R_{11} and R_{12} may bond each other to form a saturated or unsaturated cyclic structure;~~

~~X represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group~~

~~having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms;~~

provided that, when all of Ar_1 to Ar_4 each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1), at least one of R_1 to R_8 represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, or the above group represented by Cz.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device according to~~ of claim 1, wherein Ar_2 and Ar_3 each represent m-phenylene, and Ar_1 and Ar_4 each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device according to~~ of claim 1, wherein Ar_1 and Ar_4 each represent m-phenylene, and Ar_2 and Ar_3 each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material of ~~for an organic electroluminescence device according to~~ claim 1, wherein Ar_1 and Ar_4 each represent m-phenylene, and R_1 or R_7 represents a phenyl group ~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms~~, or the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device~~ according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1) comprises a substituted ~~or unsubstituted~~ carbazolyl group~~, or a substituted or unsubstituted 9-phenylcarbazolyl group~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device according to~~ of claim 1 or 4, wherein the material comprising the compound represented by the general formula (1) is a host material for an organic electroluminescence device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An organic EL device comprising an organic thin film layer ~~composed of~~ comprising one or more sub-layers comprising ~~including~~ at least a light-emitting sub-layer being sandwiched between a cathode and an anode, wherein at least one sub-layer of the organic thin film layer comprises the material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device~~ according to any one of claims 1 or 4.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The organic electroluminescence device of~~according to~~ claim 7, wherein the light-emitting sub-layer comprises the material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device~~ as a host material.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The organic electroluminescence device ~~according to~~ of claim 8, wherein the light-emitting sub-layer comprises ~~is composed of~~ one or more host ~~material~~ material(s) and one or more phosphorescent metal complex(es) ~~complex~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The organic electroluminescence device ~~according to~~ of claim 7, wherein a reducing dopant is added to an interfacial region between the cathode and the organic thin film layer.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, further comprising an electron-injecting sub-layer between the light-emitting sub-layer and the cathode, wherein the electron-injecting sub-layer has a nitrogen atom-~~containing~~ comprising derivative as an essential component.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The material ~~for an organic electroluminescence device according to~~ of claim 1, wherein at least [[on]] one of Ar_1 to Ar_4 each represents m-phenylene.

Claim 13 (New): The material of claim 1, wherein R_{14} and R_{15} each represent a hydrogen atom.